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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5270**
Hideaki SHIBATA et al. : Docket No. 2004_0490
Serial No. 10/808,403 : Group Art Unit 2621
Filed March 25, 2004 : Examiner Jose L. Couso

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AND DECODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE RECORDING
AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 12, 2004, having a three month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire February 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: